

SHIFTING WEIGHT BY THOUGHT

DR. ANDERSON OF YALE SHOWS HIS "MUSCLE BED."

Balanced His Models on It and When They Did Sums Down Went the Head of the Bed—Running Motions Sent the Feet Down—Effect of One Glass of Milk.

The muscle bed, intended to register the effect of thought or muscle action of mankind, was demonstrated before a large audience in the theatre of the Young Men's Christian Association in West Fifty-seventh street yesterday afternoon. Dr. William G. Anderson, director of the Yale gymnasium and inventor of the apparatus, lectured on his contrivance and conducted the tests.

In the centre of the stage Dr. Anderson had erected the huge wood and metal machine, which he introduced to his audience as the result of years of experiment and research. Behind the "muscle bed" stood three men and three young women in gymnasium suits.

"Now, I shall take the men first," said Dr. Anderson. "Number one, please. I propose to demonstrate to you the influence of thought upon the muscles."

"Do you mean to say that thinking affects the muscles?" demanded a large lady in the second row.

"I certainly do," answered the inventor. "Concentrating your thought on certain physical action so affects the muscles as to cause a flow of blood to that part of the body, and thus the same effect is produced as by exercise."

"What does the muscle bed have to do with that part of it? Does it cause action or thought?" was another question.

"Neither," answered the doctor. "The muscle bed registers the thoughts and shows the blood condition of the body. The bed is so constructed that one lying upon it can be perfectly balanced. Then the thought is shown to the naked eye by the motion of the bed. Now, for instance, No. 1 will be perfectly balanced."

No. 1, a tall young man, took his place on the balance slab, which the doctor called a bed.

"Now you will see that he is perfectly balanced. By using his brain you will see that the bed will sink at the head. Now multiply six by six. Now multiply six by four."

The bed began to move. There was a noticeable dropping at the head.

"Work more. Multiply six by nine."

"Now multiply 1.783 by 14."

There was a shiver of the scales and the head of the bed dropped.

"Beautiful!" said the doctor. "You see the blood rushes to the head. Therefore, the bed, perfectly balanced, sinks with this additional weight."

"Now what is the value of massage? No. 2 come to the bed." But No. 2 hesitated.

No. 2 was "perfectly balanced" while a masseuse kneaded the muscles of the limbs. Down went the bed at the feet.

"Now I am going to put that man on the level," said the doctor. "Multiply 987 by 11."

The bed did not move.

"Multiply 1.785 by 14." Still the bed was immovable.

"Mathematics must be easy for you—multiply 78,905 by 745." Still the bed did not move.

The doctor bent over and asked a question under his breath.

"That last one was too much for me," answered number two. "I just didn't bother my head about it."

Number two was then told to multiply 9 by 9 and 9 by 9 several times, and this process brought the bed back to an even keel.

"Now, number three, please," called the doctor. "I am going to demonstrate the effect of a glass of milk on a man."

The audience laughed and the doctor said he wished he could demonstrate the effect of a glass of whiskey.

The man was balanced on the bed and the glass of milk was placed beside him on a tray with the stomach. Then the man drank the milk and the glass was put where it had been so that there would be no chance in the way of the weight of the man, the milk and the glass was distributed on the bed. Nevertheless the bed went down at the head.

"What was in that milk?" demanded a woman in the rear of the hall.

"Nothing but milk," the doctor replied.

"Then I'd just like to know why it went to that man's head—would, I would, I would," retorted the woman.

"It did not, madam," said the doctor. "The milk sent the blood to his head. Now we will have the young ladies. Number one, please."

An elongated blonde in bloomers and sweater responded.

"We will have the deep knee bending, the running pace and the heel raising. Then I will show you what effect it has," promised Dr. Anderson.

The model proved first that she was "on the level," and then, after the raising of the bed with a jump, went through the motions of running, squatting and heel raising. When she was again put to bed it sank at the feet with a noticeable drop.

The next woman, who was short and broad, was put through the running and jumping exercise and, as in the case of her predecessor, the bed sank at the feet, and was worked up to the level again with the multiplication table.

But it was number three, tall, gray-eyed and suburban-looking, who won the hearts of the spectators. She was told to think of poetry she had memorized and try to recall all of it that she could.

"Now, when I was in Boston," said the doctor, "I demonstrated the work of the muscle bed most satisfactorily. The young ladies there are given to concentrating their thoughts."

"Now please do the hand stand," requested the doctor of number three. She called the attention of the audience to the fact that of an eye her heels were six feet in the air, and there was not a limp muscle in her body. The audience applauded.

"Now," said the doctor triumphantly, "I will show you a remarkable thing."

Number three was placed on the balanced bed and down went the head to the stopcock. Then the reaction set in. The bed quivered a moment and dropped at the feet.

"But what is the conclusion?" asked a spectator.

"The conclusion?" repeated the doctor. "The conclusion? Why have we found an instrument that aids us in establishing the effect of thought on the muscles, or rather on the blood and in turn on the muscles."

"Will thinking about your feet warm them?" another woman wanted to know.

"It certainly will. Thinking is equal to exercise," said the doctor.

That ended the demonstration.

FIVE HURT ON FRENCH CRUISER.

Projectile on the Fortin Burst in the Magazine.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 16.—There was a temporary panic on board the French cruiser Fortin, on its way from Rochefort to Brest, today in consequence of the bursting of a 5-inch projectile in the magazine. Five men were injured.

John C. Osgood to Join the Brokerage Firm of McIntyre & Marshall of This City.

DENVER, Col., April 16.—It is announced here that John C. Osgood, late head of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, has bought into the stock brokerage firm of McIntyre & Marshall of New York, that the present junior partner will withdraw and Mr. Osgood will take full partnership on May 1, personally supervising the entire business of the firm.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The Board of Education building, at Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, was without water for several days recently. The plumber who was called in, spending several hours in searching for the cause of the stoppage, found it in the supply pipe. When the pipe was opened out, it revealed a live eel, thirty inches long and two inches thick. The eel went home to dinner with the plumber and the teachers are now able to drink.

A man stood on a Harlem corner the other day accosting passersby. Taking each one aside he spoke in low tones and handed him a card, sometimes a nickel, sometimes a half dollar. The recipients nodded and started into a saloon midway in the block. An inquisitive man walked over toward the saloon, telling him to go down to the saloon and spend the money. This was the explanation:

"To sell out to a jay in there we're going to sell out to you, and we've got to make good until the deal is closed. It was a little dull today, good many of the boys away, so my partner is keeping the jay inside while I'm giving the business a boost on the outside."

"Carry your religion into business" is advice often heard from the pulpit, but whether it is desirable to carry one's business into religion may be open to question. This was the opinion of the attendance at the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting of a Long Island church recently, when the fervent brother ended an earnest prayer in this fashion: "And this week, O Father, in the name of Him who taught us to pray. Yours truly, J. B. Woodhatch."

Two men of different nationalities lay side by side in the ward for rheumatic patients in a downtown hospital. One of them, an Irishman, was twitting the other on the lack of fortitude in being there.

After a time an attendant came in and began to massage the patients. When it came the Irishman's turn he grunted and swore softly to himself. He turned to his side, with a twinkle in his eyes, to watch the other man. To his surprise the other seemed rather to enjoy the operation. There was too much for the Irishman's curiosity.

"How in thunder did you stand it so well?" he demanded.

"You never think that I was fool enough to give him the sick leg to work on, do you?" was the answer.

GETTING READY IN TUXEDO.

Many Cottagers and Their Guests Go Out There to Spend Sunday.

TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., April 16.—Tuxedo has put on her spring appearance. During the week several of the cottagers have arrived and many are getting in readiness for their arrival early next month.

Today a large crowd came out to pass Sunday at the club, and several of the cottagers arrived in automobiles. J. Henry Smith came out and entertained a large party at Kinross. Among other arrivals who entertained at dinner to-night were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rogers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ronalds, and Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rives.

Among those who opened their cottages this week were Mrs. and Mrs. H. Steinman, who just arrived from abroad; Mr. and Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Smith, Mr. George R. Preston, Mr. C. Post Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Rushmore and Mr. and Mrs. John Greenough.

Those who will arrive next week are Mrs. Charles H. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deland, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Dinsmore, the Rev. and Mrs. George William Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Poor, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley and Mrs. and Mrs. Frederic Gallatin.

The pigeon grounds have been put in order and pigeon shoots are to hold each week. Among those who were present at this week's shoot were: Mr. J. E. Pierson, Jr., Mr. E. M. Post, Mr. E. C. Kent, Mr. W. H. Allen, Mr. Alfred Seaton, Jr., and many of the ladies.

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LIFE'S ELEMENTS IN THE SEA.

M. QUINTON OFFERS NEW SUPPORT TO DARWINIAN THEORY.

Discovers More Than the Accepted Fifteen Elements That Enter into Composition of the Living Body, Which Are Also Found in Sea Water—His Conclusion.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 16.—Ten years ago the injection of salt water as a restorative to patients dying from loss of blood aroused general interest. The discovery of this quality of salt water probably suggested to the French savant, M. Quinton, a long and patient research concerning sea water, the conclusion of which throws unexpected light on and adds support to the Darwinian theory of evolution.

M. Quinton maintains that sea water is the natural source from which, as Prof. Haeckel believes, elementary bodies rise which develop into all the species, including the human. The environment wherein the anatomical elements of living creatures exist is neither more nor less than a marine one. Our tissues and cells continue to exert their functions in a fluid where the composition bears the closest resemblance to that of sea water.

Hitherto the number of elements entering into the composition of the living body was considered about fifteen. M. Quinton has shown the existence of traces of at least fourteen others, which are also found in sea water, such as copper, lead, silver and gold. Further, it is an animal is bled to the point of exhaustion and the place of the blood supplied with sea water the animal regains its strength in one day, and there is complete recovery in five days. M. Quinton injected into animals a quantity of sea water greater than their own body weight without toxic effect. The injection of pure water rapidly causes death. Thus sea water appears to be the true nutrient fluid for animals, in fact their natural plasma.

LONDON SMILES AT THIS STORY.

Humanitarian League's Plan to Expose Flogging in the Navy.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 16.—The secretary of the Humanitarian League has, in behalf of the committee, written a letter to Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, which has sent a smile around London.

The secretary reminds his Lordship of the existence of a widespread erroneous impression that flogging has been abolished in the navy, whereas the birch and cane are still used on boys up to 18 years of age.

Then, pointing out the desirability of the public being made familiar with features "so popular in the service," he informs his Lordship that the league purposes to placard the walls of London and the chief streets with the pictorial representation of naval caning and birching. The secretary concludes with the following calm request:

"As we are anxious that the picture shall in every way be accurate and not liable to the charge of exaggeration, we venture to ask the Admiralty to allow photographs to be taken as it is inflicted."

DE RESZKE DEMANDS VOICES.

Turns Away Students Who Can Pay but Cannot Learn to Sing.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, April 16.—M. Jean de Reszke's school of singing opened yesterday. M. de Reszke has been very frank in his applications. He believes in frankness when selecting his students, thus differing from those teachers who consider fees before art. Consequently those whose main qualification was ambition were sent away sorrowing.

The classes are limited to four or five, so as not to go beyond the personal instruction of M. de Reszke. For the earlier stages, all events, no assistants will be employed. In time it will be so arranged that instruction will be given to about 100. The fees will be on a sliding scale, those able to do so paying for those who are not. Thus a talented poor student will not be shut out from the advantages of the school.

M. de Reszke's estimate of the English voice is that it is "throaty, but capable of development."

AMERICAN VEIL DENOUNCED.

Paris Finds That It Adds to the Theatre Hat Evil.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 16.—America has given a name to a fashion, if not the fashion itself, which is responsible for the following wall from Paris:

"The cry of the theatre-goer who has been unable to get a view of the stage because of the women's hats, has become more agonized than ever. It was fondly believed that the evil had been scotched, but this year it has arisen more terrible and more defiant than ever. Not only has it visibly grown in dimensions, but now about its periphery is hung a net-like contrivance known technically as the American veil. The mosquito net may have its uses in the street, but in the theatre it gives the spectator a view of the stage behind the hat, while all possible view of the stage is cut off by a large feather on the other."

EXPLAINS SUBMARINE'S FATE.

Three Seconds Would Have Saved the British Boat, Says Lord Selborne.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 16.—Lord Selborne, the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Bath to-day, said that the optical tube and part of the conning tower of the submarine torpedo boat A. 1, which was run down and sunk off Portsmouth on March 18, had been recovered and that they bore marks which made an explanation of the accident. An officer had been ordered to keep a lookout for the cruiser Juno, which it was the duty of the submarine to "blow up." In his anxiety to sight her he neglected to scan the horizon. Suddenly he saw the bows of the great ship looming up in the field of vision and made the submarine dive. It appeared that three seconds more would have taken the submarine under the ship safely.

NEW ORATORIO AT THE VATICAN.

Abbe Perosi Conducts "The Last Judgment" and Pope Congratulates Him.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, April 16.—The Pope, the Cardinals, other church dignitaries and 300 guests were present this morning at the subterranean in the Vatican of the Abbe Perosi's new oratorio, "The Last Judgment." Female singers took part in the production. Perosi conducted in person. After the performance the Pope congratulated him.

Billion Offered for London Loan.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 16.—For the London County Council loan of £5,000,000 at 3 per cent., issued at 90, the subscriptions amount to £200,000,000. The sum of £10,000,000 was paid in application money.

King Carlos Has Influence.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LISBON, April 16.—King Carlos is suffering from a slight attack of indigestion.

E. A. Morrison & Son.

IMPORTERS.

Sale of Novelty LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

Beginning Monday, April 18th, we will show a very choice selection of</